

**TOWN OF HANNIBAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20, 2018
7:00 PM**

Present: Supervisor Virginia Wilbur
Councilman Floyd Calkins
Councilman Charles Reed
Councilman Rick Shoults
Councilman Gary Thompson
Town Clerk Denise Hafner

Others Present: Kelly LaRock, Planning Board Member; Bob LaRock; Josh Bomgren, Planning Board Member; Bob Dilts, Planning Board Chairman; Gregg Stupp, Sr., Planning Board Member; Jack Beckwith, Jr., Town Justice; Katie Beckwith; Eugene Hafner, Town Justice; Terry Wilbur, County Legislator; Carol Darling, ZBA Member; George Darling; Cindy Flint, ZBA Member; Larry Flint; Donna Whitcomb; Mike Sullivan; Barb Bogacz; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hoppins; Doug Shortslef; Chris Harris; Dan Hoffmann, Leslie Thompson, Doug Bower; Gregg Stupp, Jr.; Darlene Malone; Gail McFarland; Sam & Brittany Malone; Carolyn Scott; William Scott; Ellen Killicutt; Tim Harmon; Cynthia Fowler; Kim Malone; Rosemary Emmons; Lynn Waloven; Walter Hafner, Jr., Oswego County Court Judge; John Snow, Granby Town Supervisor and several other members of the community.

Supervisor Virginia Wilbur called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Town Clerk Denise Hafner opened with a prayer.

Public Session:

- Supervisor Virginia Wilbur explained that due to the number of people who wish to speak during the public session because of an incident regarding Chairman Bob Dilts at the last Planning Board Meeting, a three minute limit will apply. A sign in sheet was provided for those who wished to speak.
- Deputy Town Clerk Gail McFarland questioned why Councilman Gary Thompson would post on social media that there was bullying occurring in the Town office. She emphatically stated that this was untrue and she believed it was very unprofessional and unethical for Mr. Thompson to post lies on Facebook.
- Carolyn Scott gave an overview on why zoning laws were enacted and stated that the laws protect the homeowner while supporting community development. She also read a letter in support of Bob Dilts, Chairman of the Planning Board.
- Rosemary Emmons individually asked Supervisor Virginia Wilbur, Councilman Rick Shoults, Councilman Floyd Calkins and Councilman Charles Reed if they believed that all three of the applicants at the Planning Board Meeting were treated fairly. Each stated that they did not believe each applicant was treated the same.
- Dan Hoffmann stated that he is tired of the partisanship and would just like to be able to submit his paperwork and be treated fairly by the Planning Board.
- Larry Flint was concerned that a Board Member had been promoting misinformation and inflammatory statements through social media. He stated that this misinformation is causing dissension within the Town.

- Kelly LaRock would like the Board to consider the formation of a Farmer's Market in Hannibal. She also informed the Board that she had attended a seminar by the Oswego County Office for the Aging which provided information about protection for seniors against possible scams. She provided a flyer to be made available for the public. She also stated that she was also disappointed with Councilman Thompson's promotion of misinformation and questioned why he would ask for the resignation of Planning Board Members Dawn Combes, Josh Bomgren, Bob Dilts and herself. She also stated that it was very unethical for Councilman Thompson to state publicly that he approved of the way a certain Planning Board member voted. Councilman Thompson responded that he believes the Planning Board treats people badly.
- Bob Dilts read a letter explaining that over the years as the Planning Board Chairman he has tried to help and guide citizens when they have come to the Planning Board with their requests and projects. He stated that only two projects have been rejected during his tenure. Since the situation at the last Planning Board Meeting, he has been a victim of cyber bullying and ridicule. He shared that he tried to arrange to meet with Town Supervisor Virginia Wilbur and Councilman Thompson, but Councilman Thompson would not meet with him. Instead the cyber bullying by Mr. Thompson continued. He formally requested that the Board sanction and reprimand Mr. Thompson for conduct that is unbecoming a Town Board member.
- Ellen Killicutt shared that she was a member of the Planning Board when Mr. Hoffmann originally applied to start a gravel mine and the decision of the court was that Mr. Hoffmann could reapply for a permit for a gravel mine if a major change was included in the application. She also stated that the actions of Councilman Thompson are very unprofessional and only cause trouble within the Town. She suggested that he be removed from the Town Board by the end of the month.
- Tim Harmon stated that he, too, is very disappointed with the manner in which Councilman Thompson has used social media to cause dissension within the Town. He pointed out that Mr. Thompson has not attended the Planning Board meetings and that it is very unprofessional and irresponsible for him to post his comments and opinions on Facebook. He also reminded Mr. Thompson that as a Town Councilman, he should represent all of the Town citizens, not just a select few. Mr. Harmon read a letter from former Town Supervisor Ron Greenleaf reprimanding Town Board Members and Officials for their comments posted on social media and explained that legal complications could result from their behavior. He questioned whether this was still the policy.
- Carol Darling reminded the Board and the public that zoning laws protect the community and town citizens. She also shared that she has found Mr. Dilts and the Planning Board members to be very knowledgeable, respectful and helpful. She also stated that judgments should not be made when someone has never even been to a meeting to observe.
- Kim Malone stated that she is very disappointed with the social media bullying and that Councilman Thompson should not be stirring up trouble on Facebook and that his behavior is unethical. She asked that the Board investigate how to remove Mr. Thompson from the Town Board.
- Alissa Cooney-Mandart stated that she had moved to Hannibal in 2014 and began attending the Planning Board meetings because she was informed that a gravel mine may be approved in her neighborhood. She found that the audience was very unruly and she stopped bringing her nine year old to the meetings because of it. However, she was impressed with the way that the Planning Board members explained how to complete the applications and how helpful and dedicated they are.

- William Scott, former teacher/school principal addressed the Board regarding the cyber bullying by Councilman Thompson. He stated it was equivalent to character assassination and should not be tolerated. He then offered a community donation to Mr. Dilts to be used for a legal defense should it ever be needed. Mr. Dilts declined the offer but he thanked them for their support.
- Greg Stupp, Sr. spoke in support of Councilman Thompson's cyber actions by stating that publishing any information, even if false, should be condoned because it initiates conversations which can later be corrected. Mr. Stupp stated that though the video posted on Facebook was not a true representation of the meeting and was taken out of context, it still promoted conversation. He also questioned why hydro-fracking regulations, that were part of the unapproved zoning documents, had been removed.
- Councilman Gary Thompson stated that he had turned all documents over to the State and they will do an investigation. He also stated that he respects Ms. Kim Malone. He also stated that he wouldn't be able to stir the pot if there were not ingredients in the pot to be stirred. He also made a statement that the phones were not being answered in the Town Office.
- Gail McFarland reacted to Mr. Thompson's statement about answering the phone in the town office by reminding Mr. Thompson that each department has a their own extension and the caller needs to choose the department they wish to speak with and then leave a message if there is no answer. Frequently the caller hangs up rather than leaving a message so the department is unable to return the call.
- Supervisor Virginia Wilber closed the public session at 7:50 pm.

Approval of May Board Minutes:

- Supervisor Virginia Wilbur requested a motion be made to approve the above Board Minutes.
- Councilman Rick Shoults made a motion to accept the May Regular Board Minutes; Councilman Gary Thompson seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]
 Nays: 0

Approval of the May 2018 Financial Report:

- Councilman Gary Thompson made a motion to approve the May 2018 Financial Report contingent upon a freeze of purchases and hiring until the Board knows whether the tax cap will be met; seconded by Councilman Rick Shoults.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]
 Nays: 0

Correspondence & Notifications:

- None.

Department Reports: Written reports for the following departments were provided to and reviewed by all board members.

- **Town Clerk Report**
- **Highway Department Report**
- **Code Enforcement Report – No Report**
- **Assessor's Report - No Report**
- **Dog Control Report**

- **Planning Board Report**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals Report – No Report**
- **Water Department Report**

Supervisor Virginia Wilbur asked that a motion be made to accept the above reports. Councilman Gary Thompson raised a question about the DCO responding to a 911 call to a house fire and picking up two dead dogs. Councilman Thompson was informed the matter had previously been discussed at the last board workshop and that the DCO will not pick up any dead dogs in the future. Councilman Floyd Calkins asked the Town Clerk why the fees for the Oswego City Shelter were still being credited to the miscellaneous category. The Town Clerk explained that she had not yet been able to discuss the matter with the bookkeeper to determine the correct category to put the fees under.

Councilman Charles Reed made a motion to accept the above Department Reports; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

Old Business:

- Supervisor Virginia Wilbur stated that the Board would be working to complete the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Law Updates.
- Councilman Gary Thompson made a speech supporting Highway Workers who are also Fire Fighters to be able to respond to a fire without using their personal time to do so. Supervisor Virginia Wilbur stated they will discuss further at the next workshop.

New Business:

- Supervisor Virginia Wilbur discussed the appointment of a second clerk to cover vacation/sick days for the Town Clerk’s Office. This clerk would work 5-6 hours weekly. Councilman Thompson stated that there should be no new hires until the Board knows if the tax cap is met. Councilman Rick Shoults made a motion to table the hire until it can be discussed further at the next workshop; seconded by Councilman Charles Reed.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

- Supervisor Virginia Wilbur provided the below list of holidays.
- Councilman Rick Shoults made a motion to accept the following resolution; Councilman Charles Reed seconded the motion.

Resolution 37-2018

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hannibal Town Board approves the following holidays for the Hannibal Municipal Offices for the remainder of 2018.

- **July 4 & 5, Independence Day**
- **September 3, Labor Day**
- **October 8, Columbus Day**
- **November 21, 22 & 23, Thanksgiving**

- **December 24, 25, & 26, Christmas**
- **December 31 close at noon**
- **January 1, New Year's Day**

Ayes: 3 [Reed, Shoults, Wilbur]

Nays: 2 [Thompson, Calkins]

- A discussion ensued about the Town Clerk's Office summer hours. The office will be closed on Fridays from June 22 to August 31.
- Councilman Rick Shoults made a motion to accept the following resolution; Councilman Charles Reed seconded the motion.

Resolution 38-2018

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hannibal Town Board approves the Town Clerk's Office summer hours. The office will be closed on Fridays from June 22 to August 31.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

Other Business:

- Councilman Floyd Calkins questioned the hiring of 2 new employees at the Water Department without Board approval. A discussion ensued and it was decided that the issue will be discussed at the next workshop.
- Councilman Gary Thompson suggested that the Town website be updated. He stated that the County spent \$100,000 updating theirs and suggested that the town consider spending some money to update ours. The issue will be discussed at the next workshop.

At 8:35 pm Councilman Charles Reed made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss disciplinary actions of an employee and the appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer; seconded by Councilman Rick Shoults.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

At 8:42 pm Councilman Gary Thompson made a motion to close the executive session and reconvene the regular Town Board Meeting; seconded by Councilman Rick Shoults.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

- Supervisor Virginia Wilber informed the public that the Town Board accepted the petition presented to remove Bob Dilts as Planning Board Chairman and the matter will be discussed with the Town Attorney.
- Councilman Gary Thompson made a motion to accept the following resolution; Councilman Rick Shoults seconded the motion.

Resolution 39-2018

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hannibal Town Board approves the hiring of Carl Emmons, Jr. as the Hannibal Code Enforcement Officer at an annual salary of \$9600.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

Approval to Pay Town Bills:

Councilman Rick Shoults made a motion to approve the payment of the following Town bills - Abstract #6; seconded by Councilman Charles Reed.

- a. General Fund Vouchers #148-#186; Pre-Paid Vouchers #1024-#1027; Total Claims of \$15,931.82
- b. DA Highway Fund Vouchers #56-#70; Pre-Paid Voucher #; Total Claims of \$12,597.97
- c. DB Highway Fund Vouchers #20-#22; Pre-Paid Vouchers #; Total Claims of \$24,943.60
- d. Water District SW-2 Vouchers #24-#30; Pre-Paid Vouchers #1008; Total Claims of \$1,127.46
- e. Water District SW-3 Vouchers #22-#27; Pre-Paid Vouchers #; Total Claims of \$1,448.24
- f. Water District SW-4 Vouchers #22-#27; Pre-Paid Voucher #; Total Claims of \$254.26

Grand Total of Claims: \$56,303.35

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

Councilman Gary Thompson thanked the applicants who applied for the position of Code Enforcement Officer and suggested that thank you cards be sent. Supervisor Virginia Wilber stated that it would be better to make phone calls.

At 8:46 pm, Councilman Charles Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Rick Shoults.

Ayes: 5 [Calkins, Reed, Shoults, Thompson, Wilbur]

Nays: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Hafner

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